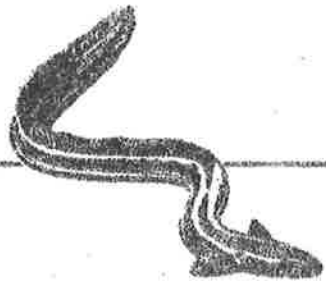


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EDITORIAL

Never before have club members shown more resolve and enthusiasm than they did at our Spring General Meeting. The great attendance which, I believe, was equal to our best ever, must gladden the hearts of those who strive to serve the club as your officers. Make no mistake, if that sort of enthusiasm is reflected in your angling effort this year much will be achieved and the Club will not only reach former heights but will make great strides forward.

I congratulate you all for a fine - a really fine - effort. I must mention the fine effort by our Irish member in getting to the meeting and also the willing hospitality shown to him by Mr and Mrs Orme. That has always been our strong point and it does me a power of good to know that that spirit is alive and well. Thankyou, everyone.

My harsh words in the last issue, for which I make no apology, seem to have had some effect and I have spent the past few evenings processing several articles which have arrived at this end. My hearty thanks to all those who have written for the Bulletin since the Spring Meeting.

If your Bulletin is late, I apologise. I have been very ill for nearly three weeks and am late in sending on your fine work to Terry. My apologies also to Terry, as I had promised him some material much earlier than this.

My own close season plans have suffered through my illness and it will be a few weeks before I am fit to sit through the night seeking Anguilla. I hope your own activities meet with success.

A J Sutton

CHAIRMAN'S PAGE

I hope that all members who attended the club's Spring Meeting (all members did attend) enjoyed the gathering. All members without exception who I have spoken to and corresponded with since the meeting have said to me how much they enjoyed it and a number have said that it is the best meeting that they have attended. Having said that I hope that we are all fired with enthusiasm ready for the forthcoming season. Members who are fortunate enough to have the facility to fish for eels in the close season may already have been out fishing especially as the weather in recent days (and I am writing this on 6 April) has been very mild and the nights have been overcast thus preventing any chance of a frost which would quickly reduce the water temperature certainly in the shallow water.

I was very pleased to see John Sidley and G Rogers of the British Eel Anglers Club at our Spring Meeting. I hope that they found the meeting fruitful and that we have once and for all dispelled the myth that the National Anguilla Club is a collection of anti-social unapproachable

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fanatics. As you all heard John Sidley say this is what he assumed before he attended our meeting and met us all and I hope that he will spread the word to the uninitiated that we are a very pleasant collection of anglers. John Sidley will be forwarding to me a list of the names and addresses of the British Eel Anglers Club and it may be a good idea for members to make contact with British Eel Anglers Club Members in their area and perhaps even arrange a session or two with them.

You will recollect that I expressed my gratitude to our Irish member, Stewart Green, for making the long journey, obviously at great expense, to attend the Spring Meeting. I am sure Stewart will make a great contribution to the club and I look forward to reading some of his articles concerning eel fishing in Ireland which to my knowledge, as far as rod and line fishing is concerned, is relatively uncharted. As Stewart told us all at the meeting he would be able to organise a trip for a small group of members and perhaps bearing in mind the ease of getting to Ireland from the North West, Ernie, Dave and myself could hop across to test the potential. Myself and Ernie Orme managed to get across to the British Angling Conference at Loughborough for the Saturday and we both enjoyed it very much and the general standard of the papers was very high as was Rod Hutchinson (does he sniff amino acids) the tackle show was very interesting and I managed to resist making any purchases. I was greatly amused by the "Optonic" display I thought that bite alarms were to indicate to us when a fish was biting. After seeing the "Optonic" display I feel that I have been living under an illusion for some years. I was very impressed by the numerous photographs of 20 pound plus carp. Have the Carp Society invented "cloning" or is it true that Dave Walker has in his shop a cardboard cut out of a person holding a 25lb carp which the aspiring carp angler simply sticks his head through as at the seaside. I believe Dave's fees are very reasonable for this little service. God help us if we ever reach this stage which carp fishing has. Please remember whatever you do concerning your angling, do not forget to enjoy yourselves.

Last Sunday night, I got my first session of 1982 in. This was on the Shropshire Union Canal. I intended to stay all night but I got somewhat cold and not having either a bedchair, sleeping bag with me to put over my umbrella I called it a day at about 12 o'clock. It is all very well to travel light but at this time of the year I have decided that it makes good sense (as long as one does not fall asleep) to keep warm and comfortable on a bedchair in a bivi because your ability to concentrate decreases if you are constantly trying to keep warm. For my efforts I caught one small eel which was, although not my aim, encouraging as it was clearly warm enough for the fish to feed.

I am very happy (but not complacent) about the current state of the club. If any member is not or has any suggestions to make as to how we can improve things could I urge them to put pen to paper and write something for the Bulletin. I can assure you as your Chairman that I will be doing my utmost together with the other officers of the club to make sure that the friendly camaraderie that I believe currently exists amongst members continues and that we can all help one another to improve our results for surely this is why we all made the effort to become members for let us not forget the most inexperienced of us can learn from the more experienced and vice versa.

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I will end my ramblings now and hope by the time you receive the next Bulletin you will all have got off the mark and caught fish.

Mark Davies

IRISH SPECIMEN EELS

Being the only Irish member of the NAC, I feel that I should write something to let other members know of the fishing that is available over the water. The best way to do this is to run through the Irish Specimen Fish Committee reports and clarify them a little. For any of you who do not know who or what the ISFC is, then in short it is an organisation that collects reports of fish taken by anglers in Irish waters. These fish must be taken on rod and line by fair means, be verified by a witness and be above a certain "specimen" weight. At the end of each year, a booklet is published containing the specimen lists for the previous season. As the specimen weight for eels was changed from 2lbs to 3lbs in 1969 I have included only eels of 3lbs and over in the list below. The list is taken from the "reports" between the years 1966-1981 and is in order of size.

Weight	Place of Capture	Date	Bait
6:15	Droumenisa Lake, Bantry	June '79	Worms
5:15	Knockalough, Co.Clare	Sept '79	Trout strip
5:15	River Shannon, Clondra	Sept '69	Worms
5:10	Aughrisbeg Lake, Clifden	Sept '78	Worms
5:2	Aughrisbeg Lake, Clifden	Sept '78	Worms
5:0	The Lough, Cork City	July '76	Rudd
4:14	Stoneyford Reservoir, Antrim	Sept '78	Worms
4:11	Dromtine Lake, Sneem, Co.Kerry	July '72	Fish strip
4:10	River Moy, Ballina	June '71	Liver
4:8	The Lough, Cork City	July '76	Rudd
4:7	Stoneyford Reservoir, Antrim	June '74	Worms
4:7	Cluhie Lake	May '78	Worms
4:5	Knocka Lough, Co.Clare	Aug '79	Trout strip
4:5	Rooves Bridge, Co.Cork	June '81	Worms
4:5	3rd Lough, Co.Kildare	June '81	Worms
4:4½	Lough Darg	May '77	Worms

Weight	Place of Capture	Date	Bait
4:4	Ard Lough, Co.Kildare	June '81	Worms
4:3½	River Blackwater, Mallow	June '75	Worms
4:3½	Stoneyford Reservoir, Antrim	Sept '78	Worms
4:3	Aughrisbeg Lake, Clifden	Aug '77	Mackerel strip
4:2½	Ard Lough, Co.Kildare	Aug '76	Rudd
4:2½	Knockalough, Co.Clare	Sept '79	Trout strip
4:2	Aughrisbeg Lake, Clifden	Sept '78	Worms
4:1½	Carnadoe Lake	June '78	Bread
4:1½	Aughrisbeg Lake, Clifden	Aug '77	Worms
4:1	Aughrisbeg Lake, Clifden	Sept '78	Sand eel strip
4:0	The Lough, Cork City	July '76	Rudd
3:12	Aughrisbeg Lake, Clifden	May '78	Worms
3:12	River Shannon, O'Briens Bridge	May '74	Worms
3:11½	Maumeen Lake, Clifden	Aug '77	Worms
3:10½	Aughrisbeg Lake, Clifden	May '78	Mackerel strip
3:10	Kaats Strand, Wexford	Apr '76	Ragworm
3:9	Ballinafid Lake	June '72	Worms
3:9	Maumeen Lake, Clifden	Aug '77	Worms
3:8½	Caragh Lake	July '68	Worms
3:8	Tooreenbeg Lake, Co.Kerry	July '75	Mackerel strip
3:8	Aughrisbeg Lake, Clifden	Aug '77	Mackerel strip
3:8	Aughrisbeg Lake, Clifden	June '78	Worms
3:7	Lough Sheever	May '74	Worms
3:7	Knockalough, Clare	Aug '79	Sand eel
3:7	Ard Lough, Kildare	June '81	Minnow
3:6	Ballinafid Lake	Sept '74	Worms
3:6	Aughrisbeg Lake, Clifden	Sept '78	Mackerel strip
3:5	Maumeen Lake	Aug '77	Worms
3:5	Ard Lough	June '81	Worms
3:4	River Shannon, Lanesboro	June '69	Worms
3:4	Kilglass Lake, Roscommon	June '71	Worms
3:4	Maumeen Lake	Aug '77	Mackerel strip

Weight	Place of Capture	Date	Bait
3:4	Lough Sheever	July '78	Maggot
3:4	River Shannon, Clendra	May '76	Worms
3:3½	Lough Sheever	April '77	Worms
3:3½	River Borrow, New Ross	July '77	Worms
3:3½	Aughrisbeg Lake	Sept '80	Worms
3:3½	Dicks Lake, Carrickmacross	Aug '79	Dead bait
3:3	River Blackwater, Mallow	Aug '76	Dace
3:3	Ballyhill Lough, Clifden	Aug '77	Worms
3:2	River Brosna	May '67	Worms
3:2	River Brosna	June '70	ABU dropper
3:2	River Blackwater, Capoquin	Aug '70	Dace Tail
3:2	Drantine Lake	July '72	Roach
3:2	Maumeen Lake	Aug '77	Mackerel strip
3:2	Grand Canal, Rahan	July '78	Maggots
3:1½	River Corrib	Aug '69	Worms
3:½	Arthurstown Wexford	July '76	Worms
3:0	Lexleip Res, Co.Kildare	Aug '76	Worms

This list of 66 eels shows just how much attention is paid to eel fishing in Ireland - with only 6 eels of 5lbs+ being reported in the last 15 years!

However, this does not say that there are no big eels to be caught. Commercial eel fishermen commonly get very big eels. A few years ago an illegal longliner on Lough Owel (a small trout lake at Mullingar) got eels to over 8lbs before being caught and at the Lough in Cork City which is really only a duck pond, eels have been taken to nearly 8lbs in perch traps.

Anyway, I hope you find the above list interesting as it gives a general view on where big eels have appeared in Ireland up 'till now. If any of you ever find your way over here let me know beforehand and I will find out the local gen on the lakes around where you intend staying. It could mean the difference of catching and blanking. For instance if you ever intend fishing Aughrisbeg Lake in Clifden, fish the western side and don't leave it until after your fishing to find out that the eastern side is no good - like I did last summer!

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BIRDWATCHING (IN SEARCH OF HOSSUS TROFFUS)

Due to written requests and verbal requests as to how I obtained my livebait tank I have decided to tell all about it.

The idea first came about when Clive Houghton (ex-member) arranged to have a long weekend with Rian Tingay (another ex-member).

I had not seen a proper livebait tank previously and Rian's seemed to be the ultimate - ie a 4ft horse trough 12 ins wide 12 ins deep. Where did he get it from, you might ask, as I did "from a friendly farmer who sold it to me for a quid". Now I don't know any farmers, friendly or not, who would sell me a horse trough for a quid anyway.

Where will I get one, from an unfriendly farmer and nick it, but from where I thought. So I decided I would have to do a little searching round and see if I could find one in a convenient position down a lane or on a quiet road somewhere.

I decided that to do the job properly I had better take a pair of binoculars along just in case there was likely to be one at the far side of a field or too far to look at. For about a week I looked around pretending I was bird watching (feathered ones) just in case I was approached I had an answer but, alas, they all seemed to be of the concrete type. Then one day it happened as I was coming home from chub fishing. I spotted one, there it was large as life and nearly as big perched on the back of a farmer's trailer, what I had been searching for - a "HOSSUS TROFFUS". It seemed oblivious to the farmer on the tractor in front of it so I decided to follow it, down a quiet lane I had passed but had not been down during my search.

After about three hundred yards the tractor stopped, opened a gate and went into the field to the far end and proceeded to unload it. Then lo and behold there was another of them in the same field. In a state of joy I went home and got out the binoculars again and had a trip back, to get a close look. I had to be in the field to get close to it to find out to see if it was a full-grown species.

Down the hedgerow I went, peering through the binoculars, stop quick, down on one knee and perfectly still - I didn't want to spook it or in case anyone was watching, to think I was up to something shifty, was another matter. After about 10-15 minutes I was in the corner where they were, 2 full grown species 6ft long 18ins wide and 15 ins deep, fantankerous I thought.

I had not seen any in a week and now I was within touching distance of a pair of them, one old and tatty and half full of water and gunge, and another bright new one just hatched with an automatic flow device. Now I had found them the problem was how I was to capture them. I decided it would have to be at night when all was quiet and no-one about.

There was no way I could transport one in my car so I thought it got to be in Clive's van, at that time he had a Hillman Husky. So I 'phoned Clive to come round and explained the plan of action, we had to take the front seat out to give us clearance from the roof and if

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we were lucky then we could get it in and shut the doors on it. Clive said if I could catch one he would transport it but would not take part in its capture. "I'm only going if you get the old one" says Clive. We arranged to catch one on the Friday night and I told him to bring along some spare underpants, Clive is of a very nervous disposition when doing something one shouldn't do. Friday night came round, what a night it was pissing it down and a very strong wind. I decided to take along a plastic coat to keep me dry.

We arrived, parked the car in position, no-one about, great I thought, black as the ace of spaces, no light whatsoever. As I climbed over the gate I thought I had better get some bearing as I had to drag hossus troffus 300 yards across the field and daren't use a light.

So I took bearing and decided that my path of direction from the trough to the gate was in line with the red beacon light on top of Bantry Met Office approximately 2 miles away.

So off I go, over the field and arrived at the trough "gotcha I thought" that was the least of my worries, ever tried to move approximately 50 gals of water in a steel container.

On goes the mac and I started bailing out with both hands cupped together - after 10 mins I thought "sod this", so I had a scrounge round in a little spinney at the back, tripping, stumbling, cursing, and getting wetter with the rain. Finally I found what I wanted, a branch off a tree about 5 feet in length.

Back to the trough and underneath with the branch and heave ho, over the trough goes whoosh and sploosh, and out goes the water down the slight incline. Now it is empty I thought no trouble - I take hold of the handle and start to drag it along about 1 1/2 cwt of empty trough I thought do I really need a live-bait tank. Then it happened - I slipped in the water I had emptied, arose wet, hand in a cow pat, am I sure I want this trough.

On my feet - a quick wipe down, by this time the wind is getting up, rain getting harder, the wind is blowing the coat over my head and I am getting drenched all over. Eventually I got to the edge of the field - damn, somebody has been and moved the gate and planted the trees in its place, then I thought not this time of night.

I had forgotten to take my bearings and had to drag it 50 yards to the gate, over the gate I go leaving the trough and to the van - NO CLIVE. PST, PST, where the hell are you. Clive emerges from the bushes "Shush" there is a car only 30 yards away with a couple in it - I didn't want to be seen says Clive.

"If they have not seen you they must have heard me" my heard pounding like a steam hammer.

"Lets have the back open and get it inside and away quick, that chap in the car is after a pussy and not a hossus troffus like us".

Back over the fence I go and after a struggle up end the trough and rest it on the gate. Clive pulling at one end and me lifting the other eventually it is over and in the lane.

BIRDWATCHING (IN SEARCH OF HOSSUS TROFFUS) - Cont'd

One at each end, we carry it to the back of the van, I was sure now I wanted the trough. We lifted it on to the tailgate of the van and there is hell of a screech metal to metal, light comes on in the other car and we stop. I thought will he be bigger than me? I think at that stage Clive turned white as a sheet and am sure he went and changed his underpants. After a couple of minutes that seemed hours the lights went out, engine starts up, lights go on and away the car goes, thats it we thought as we watch it go. But no, there in its headlights was another car parked. I thought what a night.

Eventually we decided to open the side door of the van, one lift from there and the other from the back, so we position it inside and close the rear doors. They won't shut, too bloody big I thought, as we eased it forward right up to the front, almost touching the windscreen the doors closed.

I climb in the back and we are ready for off, 20 yards then Clive stops "its going to bounce and smash the screen" says Clive "it has got to be held back away from it".

So I finish up pushing at the dash board with one hand pulling at the trough with the other, not bad I thought after 20 yards, only 9 miles to go and we are home.

"Something stinks" Clive says "Its you" I reply but no it was me, cow pat up to the elbows, also the gunge in the trough. Eventually we are at home and unload it on my drive "Whats that mister" someone pipes up - a lad about 8 - "Its your bloody coffin if you don't push off" I said, the way I felt I didn't fancy my chance with that kid.

THAT GENTLEMEN, is how I captured my HOSSUS TROFFUS.

A Smith

BAIT FOR '82

In recent years I have felt that I must change my approach to baits. Dead baits are very readily available and I have used them for 99% of all my fishing. The reasons are small, unwanted eels. Worms have always produced great numbers of bootlaces.

Something in the way of pastes is one direction I have considered taking. For two of my group members, fishing a prolific carp water, have caught several 4lb+ eels. These fall to high protein carp baits. The baits in question were spice flavoured and skinned by immersing in boiling water for several seconds. These baits treated in this manner can be cast great distances "All the eels caught came from ranges of 90+ yards". As Dave Walker mentioned in his recent article this is by no means an isolated incident.

BAIT FOR '82 - Cont'd

A large scale baiting up programme may be advantageous. Of course, one problem will be nuisance carp. If we fish carp free water no problem exists. However, we still have another option. As I've said before eels will tolerate a high amino acid level in past baits where as cyprinids are definitely put off by aminos in strong doses.

In the last piece I wrote I explained that the element discharge was controlled by the ph of the water the bait was emersed in. So I won't go into that all over again. In the trips I had this year when I used aminos I found no advantage in them whatsoever. But as a non-toxic repellent for cyprinids they could be very useful.

The boiling of the baits will also depress the element discharge. All these things seem to be very complicated but if this formula puts a few big eels on the bank we might have the answer we have sought as to an alternative bait source.

What is really needed is a test tank with both carp and small eels. Feed them baits with ever-increased doses of aminos until the carp refuse the offerings but the eels continue to feed. This will give us a base to start and the aminos could be adjusted in accordance with the ph of the water to be fished.

Perhaps Dave could give us a few pointers without treading on anyone's toes in his carp circles. He, more than anyone, should be in a position to help us in the right direction. So hows about it Dave?

A Mitchell

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Arthur,

Please consider this little peace for inclusion in the Bulletin:

The Nearly Man

I don't recall ever telling any of you how I almost recorded my third four pound eel. It was in that lovely summer of 1976 that my family and I were invited down to Bristol for a few days with the view of me doing a spot of day-time eeling on Cheddar reservoir with Bob Poutny and the late Nigel Jeyes.

My first attempt was a three hour mid-day session which resulted in a 2lb+ eel and a good looking perch. (Bob supplied the bait - small red worms if I remember correctly). My second and last session was the following day a four hour early evening session. I caught three eels in no time at all, 2:11, 3:8, 4:0.

At the end of that memorable session Bob, Nigel and I decided to

retreat to the grass verge on the perimeter to measure, weigh, and tag my eels. In the process of doing so Bob noticed that my 4lb eel had gathered grass and sand on it and decided to clean it up before weighing it again. Having done that he recorded my third 4lb eel at 3-15½. I recall saying to Bob, Thanks Mate! Its nice to be loved!

E W Orme

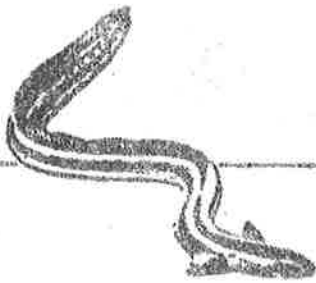
A SORRY TALE

The poor little sparrow

Once upon a time there was a non-conformist sparrow who decided not to fly south for the winter. However, soon the weather turned so cold that he reluctantly started to fly south. In a short time ice began to form on his wings and he fell to earth in a barn yard almost frozen. Presently a cow passed by and crapped on the little fellow. The sparrow thought it was the end, but the manure warmed him and defrosted his wings. Warm and happy and able to breathe, the sparrow began to sing. Just then a large cat came by and upon hearing the chirping came to investigate, The cat cleared away the manure, found the sparrow and ate him.

Three logical conclusions at which you arrive at:-

- 1 Anyone who shits on you isn't necessarily your enemy.
 - 2 Anyone who gets you out of the shit isn't necessarily your friend.
 - 3 If you're warm and happy and in a pile of shit, keep your mouth shut.
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Sir,

NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITY FISHERY BYELAWS

I realise you will receive this letter almost four months after you should.

However, I cannot let the issue of these byelaws or their confirmation pass without comment.

I enclose a copy of the public notice issued to the press by the NWWA concernin its intention to make new byelaws to replace the existing ones. As there was n indication as to the context if these byelaws and having had much correspondenc with the NWWA regarding the byelaws specifically relating to allowing eel fishing during the close season for freshwater fish, during the past six years, I would have thought it 'proper' to have been notified on a personal basis, th a new byelaw was proposed to stop close season eel angling. This I have just heard through the grapevine, even though the Chairman of my Club is on one of the NWWA Consultatives, he heard nothing.

The Minister must be only too aware of my interest in preventing discrimination against serious eel anglers and also that a ruling was made in 1976 'that it is improper to introduce a close season relating to one species of fish in order to protect another species', as would be so in this case if the NWWA had a new byelaw made preventing eel angling during the close season for freshwater fish.

May I respectfully draw your attention to the statement I made at the Public Inquiry into the Anglian Water Authority's proposals to make a similar byelaw, at Boston, on May 17 and 18 1977, which was defeated and a modified byelaw was accepted. The NWWA can have no new evidence to produce in support of their case, and I can only sincerely regret the lack of cooperation from them in not notifying me personally. Perhaps they realised how much I would oppose them.

Much of the NWWA case in support of the new byelaw relates to 'alleged abuse' by anglers who fish for other species while pretending to be fishing for eels. They have prosecuted no-one. They have no proof.

As a representative of serious eel anglers I would suggest a compromise byelaw similar to that on the Anglian Water Authority byelaws, relating to eel angling during the fresh water fish close season.

It must always be remembered that even if a water authority allows eel angling to take place in the close season, it must still be up to the owner or tenant of a water to allow it. For example, during the past five years there has been very little close season eel angling except by eel specialists and only on a few land locked waters. There has been no abuse at all, in the AWA Region.

May I also respectfully point out that there is no close season at all for eel netsmen who may plunder our waters at will throughout the year and especially during the freshwater fish close season, possibly causing untold damage to breeding fish stocks. This is where the biggest danger of abuse comes.

In conclusion, even though this objection, this plea against unwanted angling discrimination, is four months too late and therefore may be outside the legal time limit for it to be considered, I sincerely hope it can be, with due respect at my ignorance of the NWWA intentions or my lack of interpretation of the wording of the notice. I hope I have made clear that if I had not erred, I would most certainly have made the strongest objection possible.

Thank you.



Brian Crawford
Ex-Chairman
The National Anguilla Club

Copy to W.H.Crackle, North West Water Authority.

MARCH 1983 A.7.

NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITY SALMON AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES ACT 1975 ROD AND LINE FISHING LICENCED DUTIES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is the Authority's intention to fix the following rod and line fishing licence duties to operate on and after 1st January 1983, in place of the existing duties:

SINGLE ROD AND LINE (whole area)	£.p
(1) Salmon Season Season concessionary Seven day	27.00 13.50 4.50
(2) Migratory Trout Season Season concessionary Seven day	9.00 4.50 1.50
(3) Non-migratory trout (brown trout, rainbow trout and char) Season Season concessionary Seven day	4.00 2.00 1.00
(4) Freshwater fish and eels Season Season concessionary Seven day	3.20 1.60 1.00

Concessionary licences are issued to juveniles (14-16 years), state retirement pensioners and registered disabled persons. Any person objecting to the approval of such licence duties should forward a statement of the objection in writing to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Fisheries Division 1A, Room 368, Great Westminster House, Horseferry Road, London, SW1P 2AE on or before 30th April 1982. At the same time a copy of the objection should be sent to the undersigned. If any such written objections are received, the proposed new duties cannot come into force without the approval of the Minister.

NOTE (1):

Fishing for freshwater fish and eels by rod and line in enclosed waters having a surface area of not more than one hectare (2.47 acres) is exempt from the licensing system.

(2)

Fishing for eels with rod and line in tidal and estuarial waters seaward of the high water mark (as defined on the Ordnance Survey Map: 1 to 50,000 series) is exempt from the licensing system.

W. H. CRACKLE,
Secretary and Solicitor.

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NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITY SALMON AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES ACT 1975 FISHERY BYELAWS

North West Water Authority in exercise of their powers under Section 28(6) of and Schedule 3 to the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf have made Byelaws which will apply within the area of the Authority and which with the exception of the Skerton Weir Byelaws (which were approved by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on February 15, 1979) and the River Lune Byelaws (which were approved by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on March 31, 1980) will replace the present Byelaws existing within the Authority Area.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that on December 8, 1981, the Authority intend to apply to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for confirmation of these Byelaws.

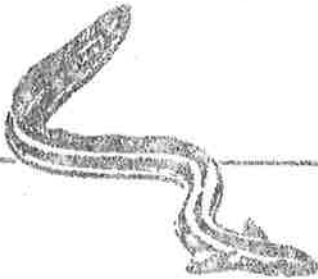
A copy of the Byelaws is deposited at the address below and at the offices of the Authority at 48 West Cliff, Preston, Bealwaite, Levens, Kendal, and Chertsey Hill, London Road, Carlisle, where they may be inspected without charge between the hours of 9 am and 4.30 pm on any weekday. A copy will be supplied free of charge from these offices to any applicant.

Any person may object to the confirmation of the Byelaws by letter addressed to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Fisheries Division 1A, Great Westminster House, Horseferry Road, London, SW1P 2AE on or before December 7, 1981. At the same time a copy of any objection should be sent to the undersigned.

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Communication from: Brian Crawford Date: 4th April 1982

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Dear Mr. Parry,

Fishing For Eels During The Freshwater Fish Close Season

As both yourself and Dr. Bottomly know, I have been campaigning to be allowed to fish for eels during the freshwater fish close season for many years. I have fished extensively on these lines, together with other members of the National Anguilla Club in most water authority areas except the Severn Trent due to problems with a lack of knowledge of suitable waters containing big eels in your area.

I am now aware of a very good big eel population in Staunton Harold Reservoir and as this is controlled by the S.T. Water Authority, I would like to request permission to fish it for eels during the present close season subject to normal water authority byelaws. If this is not possible, can you suggest alternative suitable big eel waters in the East Midlands that I would be able to fish.

I know you are well aware of your responsibility under the various Acts of Parliament, to supply, maintain and improve eel fisheries in your area, as well as those for other fish species, only up till now, apart from trying to improve the elver runs in the Severn and the stocking of eels higher up the Severn system, so far you have done nothing for big eel anglers, only for commercial sea netmen. The Anglian Water Authority apparently has led the way with the creation of big pike waters, cannot you therefore do a little for those who are interested in big eels?

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,


Brian Crawford